

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/25/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-12,14,16-26,28,30-31,34-37, now renumbered as claims 1-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Supervisory Patent Examiner

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher J. Lutz, Registration Number 44,883 on March 6, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims

In claim 16,

Inserted after line 3, -- a display;--

In claim 30,

Line 2, replaced "GUI" with -- Graphical User Interface (GUI)--

In claim 34,

Inserted after line 3, --means for displaying;--

Reasons For Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 1, prior art of record does not teach receiving from a user , an indication of a new access data parameter for a manageable entity type, adding the received access data to the repository, sending a discovery message corresponding to the access data to each of the agents operable to manage the type of manageable entity corresponding to the added access data parameter and receiving the manageable entity list corresponding to the sent discovery message , the manageable entity list operable to enable adding the newly added manageable entity to a management correlation and further operable to enable reprocessing the management correlation, according to agent allocation logic, to select a particular agent as the primary agent for the newly added manageable entities.

Regarding independent claim 16, prior art of record does not teach receive from a user , an indication of a additional access data parameter for a manageable entity type, add the received access data to the repository, send a discovery messages corresponding to the additional access data to each of the agents operable to manage the type of manageable entity corresponding to the additional access data and receive the manageable entity list corresponding to the sent discovery message , the manageable entity list operable for enabling addition of the newly added access data to a management correlation

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indicative of each of the agents operable to manage each of the types of configured manageable entities, and further operable for enabling reprocessing of the management correlation, according to agent allocation logic, to select a particular agent as a primary agent based on the additional access data.

Regarding independent claim 31, prior art of record does not teach receiving from a user, an indication of a new access data parameter for a manageable entity type, adding the received access data to the repository, sending a discovery messages corresponding to the access data to each of the agents operable to manage the type of manageable entity corresponding to the added access data parameter and receiving the manageable entity list corresponding to the sent discovery message, the manageable entity list operable to enable adding the newly added manageable entity to a management correlation and further operable to enable reprocessing the management correlation, according to agent allocation logic, to select a particular agent as the primary agent for the newly added manageable entities.

Regarding independent claim 34, prior art of record does not teach means for receiving from a user, an indication of a new access data parameter for a manageable entity type, means for adding the received access data to the repository, means for sending a discovery messages corresponding to the access data to each of the agents operable to manage the type of manageable entity corresponding to the added access data parameter and means for

receiving the manageable entity list corresponding to the sent discovery message , the manageable entity list operable to enable adding the newly added manageable entity to a management correlation and further operable to enable reprocessing the management correlation, according to agent allocation logic, to select a particular agent as the primary agent for the newly added manageable entities.

Regarding independent claim 35, prior art of record does not teach receiving from a user , an indication of a new access data parameter for a manageable entity type, adding the received access data to the repository, sending discovery messages corresponding to the access data to each of the agents operable to manage the type of manageable entity corresponding to the added access data parameter and receiving the manageable entity list corresponding to the sent discovery message , the manageable entity list operable to enable adding the newly added manageable entity to a management correlation and further operable to enable reprocessing the management correlation, according to agent allocation logic, to select a particular agent as the primary agent for the newly added manageable entities.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUSAN FOSTER RAYYAN whose telephone number is (571)272-1675. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on 571-272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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